

Bethel Focus

Bethel Presbyterian Church, Organized 1764

Congratulations Class of 2014!

Congratulations, graduates!

Claire Allen graduated from Clover High School. As a leader in school and club soccer teams, Claire won the Golden Boot award, was All Region, Viking Cup Tournament Team, and Culp Scholarship recipient. She was a member of the Homecoming Court, and on-air personality for Squawk. Claire will be playing Division 1 soccer with Campbell University in Buies Creek, NC, and majoring in Sports Management.

Conner Britt graduated from Clover High School. Conner participated with FFA, working at the barn to care for the animals and attending shows. He will continue working with the YMCA after-school program, as he has for the last two years.

Patrick Love graduated with highest honors from Clover High School. He participated in Choraliers, Honors Chorale, let-



Graduates John Slavens & Patrick Love with Baccalaureate speaker Dr. Rod Culbertson.

tered in cross country & baseball, earned Defensive Award in baseball, played basketball, and participated in Fellowship of Christian Athletes. Patrick is also a Palmetto Fellows Scholar, Presbyterian College Fellow, a member of the National Honor Society, a Junior Marshal, and a member of the SC All State Men's Chorus his jr. year, and the SC All State Mixed Chorus his sr. year. Patrick will be majoring in Accounting at Clemson University.

Courtney Ramsey gradu-

ated with honors from Clover High School. She was a All State participant with Choraliers, advancing to Level 2 in the Solo Competition. She will be majoring in Music Education at Anderson University.

John Slavens graduated with highest honors from Clover High School. A record-setter and state champion with the swim team, he earned the designation of Scholastic All-American with USA Swimming. John is an Eagle Scout, a Palmetto Fellows Scholar, a member of the

June 2014

June Sermon Schedule

- June 1 Rev. Mike Campbell
- June 8 "Resisting the Holy Spirit" Matthew 12:22-32
- June 15 "The Need to Lead" Joshua 24:14-28
- June 22 Mr. Will Milks
- June 29 Rev. Mark Ashbaugh

Congratulations, College Graduates:

- Hanna Moore, University of South Carolina
- Amanda Richmond, Erskine College
- Moriah Slavens, Oklahoma State University
- Courtney Wyatt, Winthrop University

And a special congratulations to Dr. Emily Reese for completing her course work and successfully defending her dissertation. Her field is Pharma-Economics, which deals with medicines, recommendations on health care policies, and funding or research for various medical conditions or illnesses.

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All Events

June 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
01 Colonial Days FLC, Sanctuary Reserved,... Choir Practice Deacon's Fund Collection Homecoming Ben Ferguson Bob Ferguson James McCarter CHS Baccalaureate Service	02 FLC Reserved Pastor John Gess Staff Meeting	03 FLC Reserved Circle #1 Diaconate Meeting	04 FLC Reserved Basketball	05	06 FLC, Picnic Shelter reserved	07 Sanctuary Reserved
08 Choir Practice Ann Falls Session Meeting	09 FLC Reserved Ilse Wallace Staff Meeting Circle #3	10 FLC Reserved Phyllis Richmond Circle #2	11 Christo Wallace Basketball	12 Harold McCarter Steve Ferguson Tim Marsh FLC Reserved	13 FLC Reserved	14 FLC Reserved Bethel Talent Show
15 Choir Practice Mallory Cuffman	16 Susan Ramsey Staff Meeting FLC Reserved	17 PCA General Assembly Bob Currence	18 PCA General Assembly Jackson Love Basketball	19 PCA General Assembly	20 PCA General Assembly Mike Shively	21 Julia & Laci Gess
22 Choir Practice Dawn Slavens	23 FLC Reserved Staff Meeting	24 FLC Reserved Amy Allen Betty Black Tricia Lee	25 Grayson Smith Jay Forrest Rebecca Forrest Basketball	26 all facilities reserved	27 all facilities reserved	28 all facilities reserved Ethan Wallace
29 Choir Practice Congregational Meeting	30 Daniel Drechsler Ronnie Heffner Staff Meeting	01	02	03	04	05

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National Honor Society, a Junior Marshal, President of the Special Olympics Fan Club and a member of the SC SO Project Unify board. John will be attending the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, majoring in Systems Engineering.

Grayson Smith graduated from Clover High School. He played school

baseball and community league basketball, and received the Scotty Burroughs Sportsmanship Award. An avid outdoorsman, Grayson will pursue Utility Line Workers Certification through York Technical College.

Steven Truelove graduated with distinguished honors from Ashley

Ridge High School in Summerville, SC. He was recognized as a Scholar-Athlete, a member of the Mathematics Honor Society and President of the National Honor Society. An Eagle Scout and Palmetto Fellows Scholar, Steven will be majoring in Engineering at Clemson University.



May Session Minutes

The Session and Diaconate of Bethel Presbyterian Church met jointly Sunday, May 4, 2014 at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room of the Family Life Center with Moderator, Rev. John Gess, for the regular scheduled joint quarterly meeting.

The meeting was called to order and opened with the reading of the Scriptures from II Timothy 1:1-7 and prayer by the Moderator. A quorum was present. Elders present: Neil D. Allen, J. Brent Clinton, Christopher L. Wallace, Robert N. Boyd, Frank C. Falls, D. Ross Love, Steven H. Linder, W. Hampton Stowe, III, James G. Long, and Timothy G. Marsh. The following Deacons were present: Brett Brackett, Keith Brackett, Steve Britt, Todd Meek, Larry Falls, Corey Clinton, and Ruben Trevino. Also present was Assistant Pastor, Rev. Mark Ashbaugh.

A M/S/A to approve the minutes of the April 6, April 13, and April 20, 2014 Session meetings, as written and mailed to each Session member.

A M/S/A to approve James Long as Clerk of the meeting.

Kirsten Allen, Ruth Martinez, and Juan Carlos Alcantara were present at the meeting. Ruth provided information about RUF Mexico plans and the need for a Campus Minister at UNAM, the largest university in Latin America, with 120,000 students. They would like to establish a working relationship with Bethel of mutual support. Rev. Gess dismissed them with prayer.

Rev. Mark Ashbaugh informed the men that he was applying for the Campus Minister position at Winthrop University. Rev. Gess prayed for him.

Steve Britt gave the Deacons Report & thanked those who have done a lot of work around the church. A M/S/A to approve the Deacons report.

The Baccalaureate Service will be held June 1, 2014 at the Clover School District Auditorium with Dr. Rod Culbertson serving as the guest speaker.

Will Milks is now under the care of Fellowship Presbytery.

Tim Marsh reported on the Fellowship Presbytery meeting that he had attended as Session representative on April 26, 2014 at Christ Ridge PCA in Fort Mill, SC. A M/S/A to approve Tim's report and to commend him for his diligence.

General Assembly will meet June 17-19, 2014, in Houston, TX. No one volunteered to serve as Session representative, but Rev. Gess will see if Don Johnson will serve.

Rev. Gess asked that his salary and his health insurance be paid in separate checks.

Rev. Gess will check with Pastor Sam Thompson to see how the \$1405 collected for him after his home burned can best be spent/used.

Rev. Gess read from BCO 38-4 which deals with church membership and said that this passage, along with others, will be sent to inactive members along with a letter. A follow-up review of the church rolls will be done at the June Session meeting.

Rev. Gess distributed sheets showing his April Ministerial Activities. He asked Session to be thinking about whether or not to increase the Intern's salary, should his responsibilities increase if Mark leaves this summer, and whether or not to seek another Intern.

Ruben Trevino had not yet met, but will meet, with Don Love, David Long, and Calvin Reese and report at a later meeting on "Promotion of the Liberality of Giving."

Discussion about making plans for Rev. Gess' retirement next summer was held and the need to start planning and preparing and selecting a Pulpit Committee. A M/S/A for the Session to recommend names for the Pulpit Committee at the June Session meeting and to call a Congregational Meeting for June 29, 2014. RTS has Pastoral Search Committee guidelines that will be helpful for the Session and the Pulpit Committee to review, and these guidelines will be emailed to the Session.

A M/S/A to adjourn. The meeting was closed with prayer by Neil Allen.

James G. Long
Acting Clerk of Session

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Prayer Requests:

Pastor John Gess and Intern Will Milks, as they preach and minister to the Bethel congregation, and for their families, and the Ashbaugh family as they transition to leading RUF at Winthrop.

The Lees as we seek to implement the Member Care Ministry for MTW Latin America, that the Lord will enable us to minister to the MTW missionaries of Latin America with compassion and humility; for Justin Marshburn, Amber's boyfriend and Tegan's father; that the Lord will draw Justin to Himself.

The Taylor family: Peace and joy as we make final preparations for Katie's wedding; the ministry and training of four GYFM interns who arrived in Progreso, Yucatan this week. Pray also for their cultural adjustment and health; planning for a special project for missionary kids (MKs) in transition from high school on the field to college in the USA. GYFM received a

grant to organize a pilot project in summer 2015 for MKs who are at this critical stage. Three years after transitioning from Bulgaria to GYFM, we will officially begin a six-month period of Home Ministry Assignment (HMA) to address a chronic lag in financial support. Our account dipped into deficit territory in May. Pray with us for the Lord to lead us to new partners. Please pray that God would give wisdom and direction regarding a private concern. Of course the Lord knows about it, but we would be grateful to have the prayers of his people.

Session and Diaconate members, WIC officers, Sunday School teachers, Bible Study leaders, Youth leaders/teachers, giving thanks for their faithfulness and willingness to serve. Missionaries throughout the world, as well as local ministries such as Habitat for Humanity, God's Kitchen, Clover Area Assistance Center and Biblical Studies Released Time. Please pray fervently for the work in Northern Mexico.

Our college students, and expectant

mothers and their unborn babies within the church family.

Our soldiers serving in Afghanistan, Europe & Iraq: James Pittman, III (nephew of Victoria & Steve Linder), John Rice (grandson of Joe & Phyllis Wysor) recovering from injuries from a roadside bomb explosion, Greg Sandifer, and Ted Trevino.

Charlotte Barnett, Monnie Blackman (C. Robinson's sister, lupus), Loma Burton, Abe Craddock (Friend of J. LeMoyné, emphysema), Cody Davis (friend of A. Falls, seizures), Susan Heffner (cancer), Elaine Honneycutt (P. Brannock's sister-in-law, cancer), Sherer Gordon Hopkins, Bob Kenley, Herb LeMoyné (J. LeMoyné's brother, Parkinson's disease), Rick Lindsay (Pastor of Scherer Memorial PCA, cancer), Helga Long (compression fracture in lower spine), Harold McCarter, Randy McCarter (son of Duke & Maxie McCarter, cancer), Jesse Patino (B. Love's brother-in-law, lymphoma), Jim Pittman (V. Linder's brother, prostate cancer, has spread to his spine), Bobby Wallace.